

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A side sliding door device for a vehicle that opens and closes an entrance on a side of the vehicle by
5 a sliding door movably supported on a horizontal door rail, comprising:

an automatic locking mechanism interlocked with a closing operation of said sliding door to lock the sliding door in a closed state; and

10 a manual locking mechanism that locks said sliding door in the closed state by a manual operation,

wherein said manual locking mechanism prevents an unlocking operation of said automatic locking mechanism when the door is in a locked state, and holds said sliding
15 door in the locked state.

2. The side sliding door device for a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said automatic locking mechanism and said manual locking mechanism are provided
20 on a common base plate on a vehicle body and integrated in a single unit.

3. The side sliding door device for a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said manual locking mechanism
25 comprises a switch connected with the manual operation, the switch turning off power of an actuator that drives

said sliding door when said sliding door is manually locked by said manual locking mechanism.

4. The side sliding door device for a vehicle as
5 claimed in claim 2, wherein said automatic locking mechanism comprises:

a latch mechanism including a latch bar movably supported in a vertical direction with respect to the vehicle body, and a latch hole provided on the sliding door
10 to receive said latch bar;

unlatching means for releasing a latched state of said latch mechanism; and

latch holding means for holding an unlatched state of said latch mechanism.
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5. The side sliding door device for a vehicle as claimed in claim 4, wherein said manual locking mechanism comprises:

a rotary lock; and
20 a lock lever secured to a rotational shaft of said rotary lock, and

wherein when said rotary lock is rotated by a manual operation, said lock lever engages with a lock fastener integral with said latch bar.